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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A camera user interface assembly comprising:
at least one object viewer;
a resizable, image-capture-area designator superimposed on said at least one object viewer;
a size selector operatively associated with said designator having at least one operating mode wherein said size selector is operable to continuously increase and continuously decrease the size of said designator.

11. (previously presented) A camera comprising:
at least one object viewer;
a resizable, image-capture-area designator superimposed on said at least one object viewer;
a size selector operatively associated with said designator having at least one operating mode wherein said size selector is operable to continuously increase and continuously decrease the size of said designator.

12. (original) A method of operating a camera comprising:
displaying indicia representative of a portion of a displayed image which is to be selected for capture;
continuously resizing the indicia from a smaller size to a larger size and from the larger size the smaller size.

13. (canceled)

14. (original) A method of taking a picture of an object comprising:

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imaging a remote scene that contains the object on a two dimensional photodetector array;
generating a first set of image data representative of the remote scene;
viewing the image representative of the remote scene on a display screen;
superimposing an area designator on the display screen;
continuously shrinking and enlarging the area designator until a desired reduced portion of the display screen which contains only the object is within the area designator;
based upon the size of the area designator selecting a portion the first set of image data which corresponds to the object to generate a second set of image data;
storing the second set of image data.

15. (canceled)

16. (previously presented) A method of making a camera comprising:
mounting a display having a resizable image-capture-area designator superimposing function on a camera housing;
mounting a toggle on the camera housing which is operable to continuously resize the image-capture-area designator over its full range of sizes.

Claims 17-20 (canceled)

21. (new) The assembly of claim 10 and further wherein:
said size selector is operable exclusively to resize said designator.

22. (new) The assembly of claim 10 wherein said at least one object viewer comprises a display screen.

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23. (new) The assembly of claim 10 wherein said at least one object viewer comprises an optical viewfinder.

24. (new) The assembly of claim 10 wherein said resizable image-capture-area designator is a progressively increasingly and progressively decreasingly resizable image-capture-area designator.

25. (new) The assembly of claim 10 wherein said resizable image-capture-area designator comprises a one-way, closed-loop resizable image-capture-area designator.

26. (new) The assembly of claim 10 wherein said size selector comprises at least one of a: rocker toggle, single push button toggle, double push button toggle, slide toggle, continuous pressure toggle, joystick toggle, dial toggle and roller toggle.

27. (new) The assembly of claim 10 wherein said resizable, image-capture-area designator comprises at least one of: line border, contrast differential, color/black-and-white differential, gray scale differential, color hue differential, resolution differential, pattern overlay differential.

28. (new) The camera of claim 11 and further wherein:
said size selector is operable exclusively to resize said designator.

29. (new) The camera of claim 11 wherein said at least one object viewer comprises a display screen.

30. (new) The camera of claim 11 wherein said at least one object viewer comprises an optical viewfinder.

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31. (new) The camera of claim 11 wherein said resizable image-capture-area designator is a progressively increasingly and progressively decreasingly resizable image-capture-area designator.

32. (new) The camera of claim 11 wherein said resizable image-capture-area designator comprises a one-way, closed-loop resizable image-capture-area designator.

33. (new) The camera of claim 11 wherein said size selector comprises at least one of a: rocker toggle, single push button toggle, double push button toggle, slide toggle, continuous pressure toggle, joystick toggle, dial toggle and roller toggle.

34. (new) The camera of claim 11 wherein said resizable, image-capture-area designator comprises at least one of: line border, contrast differential, color/black-and-white differential, gray scale differential, color hue differential, resolution differential, pattern overlay differential.